

THE POSITIVE

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⁷ For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, ⁸ but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, ..."

✓ hospitable (a lover of hospitality)



Hospitable (philoxenos from philos = friend, to be friendly to one or to wish him well, beloved, dear + xenos = stranger, unknown, foreign or foreigner, alien, guest) is literally "stranger loving" or a friend of strangers, showing them care and kindness.

Hospitable is from Medieval Latin hospitāre = to receive as a guest which in turn is from Latin hospes = guest. 1 Peter 4:9 Romans 12:13

1. You enjoy having people in your home.
2. You look for people you can help.
3. You don't feel you have to apologize for messy rooms.
4. You aren't shocked when people show up on your doorstep at any hour of the day or night.
5. You make people feel welcome at home.

✓ a lover of what is good (a lover of good men),

Amos 5:15; 1 John 3:14; 5:1, Philippians 4:8



✓ sober-minded



Wiersbe on soberminded: "This does not mean he has no sense of humor, or that he is always solemn and somber. Rather it suggests that he knows the value of things and does not cheapen the ministry or the Gospel message by foolish behavior."

Just, holy, self-controlled: A pastor or leader in the church must be just (right toward men), holy (right towards God), self-controlled (right towards himself).

✓ just



This word sometimes means righteous, but in this context, it probably refers to a man who is fair and equitable in his dealings with others. He is not partial to the wealthy and he doesn't ignore or belittle the poor. He is able to weigh the facts of a matter and make impartial decisions based on the evidence.

1 John 3

✓ holy



Hosios refers to personal holiness, being separate from sin and evil behavior. It does not mean being separate from sinners, because the Lord Jesus was the friend of sinners. But the devout man does not carouse with sinners in their sin. Rather, he seeks to lead them to repentance. The devout man takes God and the Word of God seriously. He doesn't take the things of God as a joke. He lives in obedience to God's Word.

✓ self-controlled (temperance),



Acts 24:25, Galatians 5:23, 2 Peter 1:6

Chrysostom says the self-controlled individual is "One having his passions, tongue, heart and emotions, at command" Proverbs 25:28

"Walking in the Spirit is allowing Him to personally control your thoughts. It is saying, when you get up in the morning, "Holy Spirit, it is Your day, not mine. Use it as You see fit." It is saying throughout the day, "Holy Spirit, continue to keep me from sin, direct my choices and my decisions, use me to glorify Jesus Christ." It is putting each decision, each opportunity, each temptation, each desire before Him, and asking for His direction and His power. Walking in the Spirit is dynamic and practical. It is not passive resignation but active obedience... the amazing thing about being under control of the Spirit is that you don't even have to ask questions, you just operate within the will of God. One way to get a practical handle on the Spirit-filled life is to see it as living every single moment in the conscious presence of Jesus Christ." MacArthur



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COFFEE STATION will be open for **15 minutes** after the service is over. Thank you!

Ladies Pour Over is Saturday March 14th begins at 9:30 Speaker is our own Maddy Boulter. Breakfast and childcare is provided.

Ladies exercise class Monday mornings at 10am. Begins 3/16!! Interested, please see Debby today!

Time of Prayer – March 15th – 7:30am in church lobby

Ladies Night Out – March 27th – see flyers for details!

Fierce Marriage 10 week study begins March 15th at 6:30pm. Please sign up with Debby or Pastor Ron.

Ladies Day apart is May 1st or 2nd. To sign up go to cbcderry.org

Prayer Concerns: _____

March focus: South Africa- Dan & Amy Peront (Lukiwe, IBM Global)

- ** Pray** for Bruce Crocker who recently had surgery.
- ** Pray** for Jaquari Chase as he will have knee surgery on Tuesday.
- ** Pray** for Lou Lanseigne. He will need back surgery.
- ** Pray** for Dean and Dora Brown. Dean recently had surgery and Dora is dealing with medical issues.

Please visit our prayer wall in the lobby to share prayers (left) and praises (right). Confidential requests can be left in the prayer box under the prayer wall. One on one prayer meetings/calls available upon request. Please see Liz for more details.



Epping Bible Church

March 8, 2026

Sunday: 8:00-8:45 am - free breakfast
9-11:15 – AWANA
9:00 am - Bible Emphasis groups
10:00 am - Morning worship

This week:

Monday – 6:30pm - Faith Bible Institute
Tuesday – 6pm - Bible study at Steve & Leasa's
Wednesday - Pastor Ron's Wednesday Wisdom Waterings
10:00am-Ladies Bible Study in Lobby
6:30pm - small group at parsonage
7:00pm – Men's Small group – See Russ
Saturday - 8am – Couple's Small group – See Pastor Russ

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